

I N t h e C L A I M S

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following claim amendments:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of resolving a hand of blackjack played by a player, comprising:
 - playing a hand in a game of blackjack, which includes
 - dealing a first set of accumulated cards to a player, and
 - dealing a second set of accumulated cards to a dealer;
 - determining that the hand of blackjack has resulted in a push; [[and]]
in response to said determining, generating an additional random outcome; and
based on [[a]] said random outcome, determining if the player has won the hand of blackjack[[.]];
wherein said random outcome is statistically independent of said hand of blackjack played prior to said push.
2. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - receiving from the player an indication of a wager amount associated with the hand of blackjack, said receiving being performed prior to said determining that the hand of blackjack resulted in the push; and
 - after said determining if the player has won the hand of blackjack, arranging for the player to receive payment of a winning amount based on the wager amount.
3. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - deciding if the push will be resolved.
4. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 3, wherein said deciding comprises:
 - after said determining that the hand of blackjack has resulted in the push,
receiving from the player an indication of whether the push will be resolved.

5. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
displaying an indication of the random outcome to the player.
6. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
initiating a random outcome generator; and
receiving an indication of the random outcome.
7. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
generating the random outcome.
8. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 7, wherein said generating is performed
after said determining that the hand of blackjack has resulted in the push.
9. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 8, wherein said generating is performed in
response to said determining that the hand of blackjack has resulted in the push.
10. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 7, wherein said generating is performed
prior to said determining that the hand of blackjack has resulted in the push.
11. (CANCELLED)
12. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 7, wherein said generating is performed
using at least one die.
13. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 7, wherein said generating is performed
using a coin.
14. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 7, wherein said generating is performed
using a random number generator.

15. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 7, wherein said generating is performed using a rotating wheel.

16. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 7, wherein said generating is performed using a set of playing cards.

17. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 16, wherein the deck of playing cards comprises the set used in the hand of blackjack.

18. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 16, wherein the set of playing cards comprises a set other than a set of playing cards used in the hand of blackjack.

19. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
arranging for the player to receive payment of a winning amount.

20. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 19, wherein the winning amount is based at least in part on the random outcome.

21. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 20, further comprising:
displaying the winning amount to the player.

22. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 19, wherein the winning amount is based at least in part on at least one of: (i) information associated with the player, and (ii) at least one card accumulated by the player or a dealer in the hand of blackjack.

23. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 19, wherein the random outcome comprises a first state indicating that the player has won the hand of blackjack and a second state indicating that the player has not won the hand of blackjack.

24. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 19, wherein the random outcome has a plurality of states, at least two of the plurality of states being associated with different winning amounts.

25. (ORIGINAL) A method of resolving a plurality of hands of blackjack played by a player, comprising:

determining that the plurality of hands of blackjack have resulted in a push; and
based on a random outcome, determining if the player has won at least one of the plurality of the hands of blackjack.

26. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 25, wherein a single random outcome determines if the player has won all of the plurality of hands of blackjack.

27. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 25, wherein a separate random outcome determines if the player has won each of the plurality of hands of blackjack.

28. (ORIGINAL) A method of resolving a plurality of hands of blackjack played by a plurality of players respectively, comprising:

determining that the plurality of hands of blackjack have resulted in a push; and
based on a random outcome, determining if the plurality of players have won the plurality of the hands of blackjack.

29. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 28, wherein a single random outcome determines if all of the plurality of players have won all of the plurality of hands of blackjack.

30. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 28, wherein a separate random outcome determines if each of the plurality of players have won the respective hand of blackjack.

31. (ORIGINAL) A method of resolving a plurality of hands of blackjack played by a player, comprising:

determining that a first hand of blackjack has resulted in a first push;
determining that a second hand of blackjack has resulted in a second push; and
based on a random outcome, determining if the player has won the first and second hands of blackjack.

32. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 31, wherein the second hand of blackjack is played after said determining that the first hand of blackjack has resulted in the first push.

33. (ORIGINAL) A method of determining a winner in a hand of blackjack played by a player, comprising:

receiving an indication that the hand of blackjack has resulted in a push; and
transmitting a random outcome in response to said receiving, the random outcome determining if the player has won the hand of blackjack.

34. (ORIGINAL) A method of resolving a hand of blackjack, comprising:
receiving from a player an indication of a wager amount associated with the hand of blackjack;

determining that the hand of blackjack has resulted in a push;
in response to said determining that the hand of blackjack has resulted in the push, initiating a random outcome generator;

receiving an indication of a random outcome, the random outcome being statistically independent of the hand of blackjack played prior to the push;

based on the random outcome, determining if the player has won the hand of blackjack;

displaying to the player an indication of at least one of (i) the random outcome and (ii) the determination if the player has won the hand of blackjack; and

arranging for the player to receive payment of a winning amount based on the wager amount.

35. to 39. (CANCELLED)